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DAILY BRIEF

I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Communist China - USSR: Premier Chou En-lai will visit Moscow within the next few days.

OK While the ostensible purpose of Chou's visit would be to return that of Premier Khrushchev to Peiping last October, the two leaders almost certainly will consult on over-all bloc foreign policy and divergent Chinese and Soviet views. Since early July, the Chinese have muted their attacks on Soviet foreign policy positions and appear willing to support some aspects of Khrushchev's basic line on "peaceful coexistence" which he continues to profess in spite of his recent truculent tactics toward the United States.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

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South Korea: Former Vice President Chang Myon has announced to the press that he will cut South Korea's 700,000-man armed forces to 400,000 and reduce the defense budget if his front-running conservative Democratic party wins control of parliament in the 29 July national elections. While the Democrats have long advocated a reduction of the armed forces, Chang's statement may be an election gambit to attract the votes of potential draftees and undercut new leftist groups which advocate a similar policy. A Defense Ministry plan to modernize the defense establishment has been discussed recently in the Korean press. [Page 3]

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*Congo: First contingents of troops from Tunisia and Ghana arrived in the Congo on 15 July to form a UN force. The popular reaction in Leopoldville to the arrival of UN elements has been generally favorable, although incidents continue to occur. Congo Premier Lumumba has stepped up his anti-Belgian campaign, and on 15 July demanded that Brussels withdraw from its bases as well as from other areas of the Congo. In Katanga Province the situation continues unsettled, with elements opposed to provincial Premier Tshombé claiming that his announcement of Katanga's secession from the Congo was made without proper parliamentary sanction. [Redacted]

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Reduction in South Korean Armed Forces Promised

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Former Vice President Chang Myon has announced to the press that he will cut South Korea's armed forces from 700,000 to 400,000 and reduce the defense budget if his front-running conservative Democratic party wins control of parliament in the 29 July national elections. South Korea is spending \$213,000,000, or about 34 percent of its annual budget, for defense purposes. Of this amount about one third is derived from the sale of American aid goods in South Korea. In addition, the United States provides \$205,000,000 in direct military assistance. The bulk of the cutback presumably would be borne by South Korea's 534,000-man army.

While the Democrats have long advocated a reduction of the South Korean armed forces, Chang's statement may be an election gambit to attract the votes of potential draftees and undercut new leftist groups which advocate a similar policy. The recent reduction of the voting age from 21 to 20--a move intended largely to accommodate the students who toppled Rhee from power--appears likely to favor the new left-of-center groups in the election. The largest of the new parties, the Social Masses party, is running about 129 candidates for the 233-seat lower house.)

A Defense Ministry plan to modernize the country's military establishment has been discussed in the local press. Defense Minister Yi Chong-chan has referred to the "necessity for basic reform and readjustment of military strength and equipment." In the past, South Korean leaders have sought to make the reduction of their armed forces contingent on receipt of US arms and equipment of a more modern type.

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